IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Washington, D.C., United States of America

In re Application

of:

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Comminuted Tobacco Material

For: Method and Device for Conditioning

Group Art Unit:

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Examiner: Walls,

Dionne A.

AMENDMENT "C" UNDER RULE 1.112

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action mailed on June 18, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application accordingly:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.